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Dear Josh:

I was interested to receive Westex-3C Bulletin from you.

As far as the next meeting date is concerned, I would prefer a date closer to September 20 - 21, as I told you on the phone, since I plan to be, at Davies' invitation, in Los Angeles for that symposium.

Your remarks about back-contamination interested me very much. It is clear that we must have some detailed knowledge of the biology of these other planets to provide some estimate of the allowable contamination risks. No doubt this is a very powerful argument for getting the kind of information we want to get about the other planets. No question about getting public support here.

Best regards,



Aaron Novick

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